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The following report, while clearly out of date, is believed
to contain some information of continuing interest.

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_____ Hungarian Communist directors met at
Communist Party headquarters to study the situation in regard to raw materials
and Hungarian importations from western countries. The more notable people
present were: Mátyás Rákosi, Ernő Gerő, István Friss, Zoltán Vas, András
Szobek, István Szabo, and László Hay.

2. Friss presented a report based on information from the Hungarian commercial
agencies for foreign trade and on the reports of the Communist parties of the
western countries. In this report he emphasized the increasing difficulties
of purchasing in the countries of western Europe. In conclusion he asked,
in consideration of the general rise in prices on the world market, that
Hungarian purchases concentrate on raw materials which are of vital importance
for the war economy.

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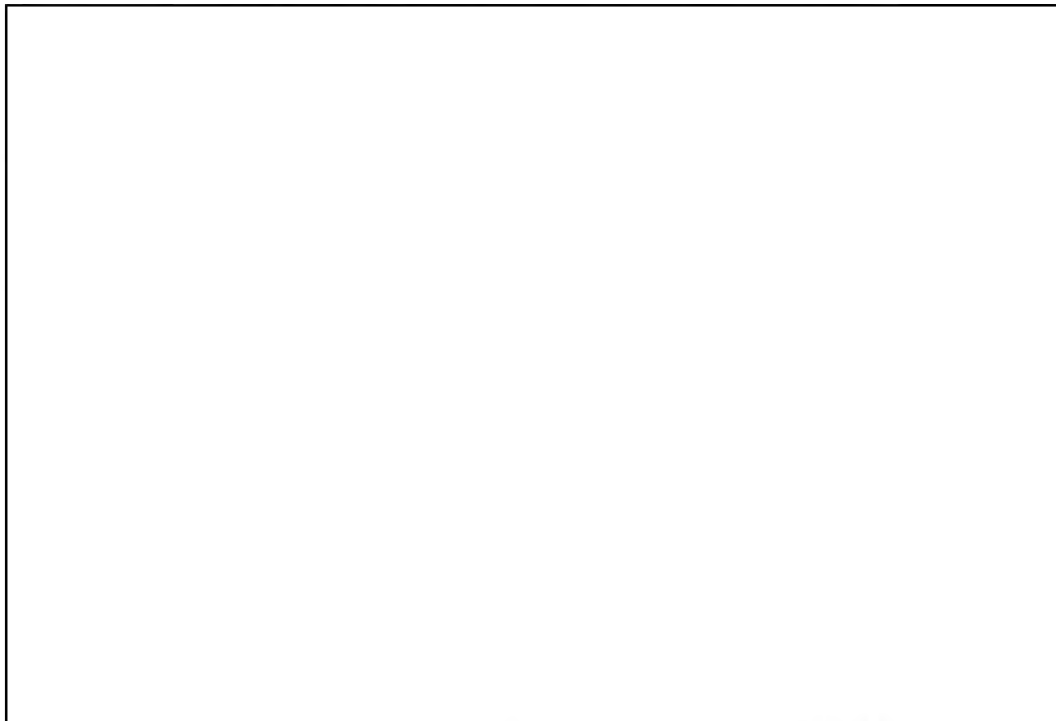
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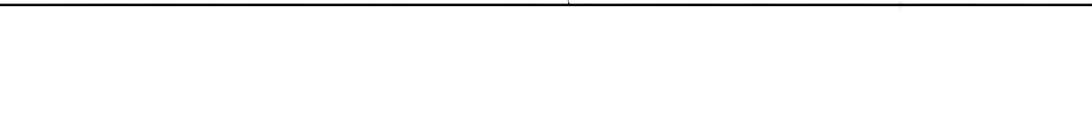
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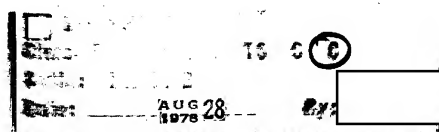
4. Further, it was decided that maritime transports of which the official destination cannot be Constantza must be sent through ports in Israel and in Turkey. If possible, boats should be found which can change their destination while en route and go straight to Constantza. At this Rumanian port the goods must be delivered to representatives of M. [redacted]
5. A special committee will be charged with drawing up a list of priority goods, some of which are to be purchased at no matter what price.
6. Stocks of raw materials having military value are to be immediately frozen, and in the production of articles for public consumption all raw materials that come from abroad must be replaced by substitutes.

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